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1. According to Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) liaison agents in the Thu Dau Mot area, the DRV has dispatched an elite force of 3,500 men from Intersector VI to the south to engage French forces there at the same time the autumn offensive is launched in Tonkin. This force, commanded by Col. Ngo Cong Quon, has its headquarters 50 miles from Saigon, northwest of Thu Dau Mot.
2. The force has been assigned the primary objective of cutting the French supply line from Saigon to Ban Me Thuot and Laos. On 13 September elements of the group burned four trucks in a Saigon-Ban Me Thuot convoy. After attacking a Saigon-Loc Ninh (106-35, 11-51) train convoy.

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